## Gaylord Regional Airport NEWS



2017 is proving to be one for the record books! For the first time in anyone's memory, the airport

has managed to be self-sufficient, not needing to take money from Otsego County to make day to day ends meet. To accomplish this we worked closely with our County Finance Director and Administrator who provided vital direction and support.



The Airshow set records in 2017 as the most attended the most expensive and the most profitable to date. We also were selected by the Canadian Consulate to be an official location to host Canadas



150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Calibration. Can't wait for the 200<sup>th</sup>!

The Michigan Association of Airport Executives (MAAE) Conference in Escanaba marked the conclusion of my year as President of the statewide organization and 5 years on the executive board. As president I had the privilege to testify before the State House Transportation Committee in Lansing and promote the Gaylord Regional Airport to all of Michigan.





Otsego County was fantastic procuring the airport a second Jet A fuel truck this year. Prior to this the airport had no redundancy. If the primary Jet truck was down for maintenance there was no way to service Jet fuel customers. This acquisition brings our fuel truck fleet to 3 with two Jet A trucks and one AVGAS 100LL truck. The 100LL truck backup is the self-serve pump.

The Ladies Garden Club did a phenomenal job spending their own treasure and tireless effort to planting shrubs around the airports sign on Van Tyle and Dickerson road. It looks great and we can't thank them enough for their hard work!







The Gaylord Regional Airports Veterans Coffee celebrated its 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Anniversary in November Over 70 Vets attended the once a month get together which boasts no speakers, no agendas, Just donuts and coffee! With a few great guests!



Brian & Dave our airfield Ops team tending to the airports aircraft fuel farm. These two guys are the best of the best in all weather. They are truly "Mission First" performers!

"Airport Shari" is usually the first person pilots hear on the aircraft UNICOM radio when flying in and her welcoming voice is often Gaylord's great first impression many visitors have of our community!



Lots more going on, too much for one page so keep your eye on the airport for more updates. Have a great Veterans Day! Matt Barresi USAF 1984 - 2007 Gaylord Airport Director